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## Orchestral Suites nos.1-4

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Called 'Ouvertüren' in Germany, because they began with a large-scale overture *à la française*, Bach's Suites for orchestra offer a unique synthesis of the French and the Italian styles. The Kantor of Leipzig did not content himself with a mere set of amiable dances for his Collegium Musicum: he renewed the genre in his own manner, accenting the contrasts, refining the orchestration, and introducing a hitherto unknown contrapuntal element. Two centuries later these admirable orchestral works continue to represent an indispensable treasure of the Baroque.

This title was released for the first time in 1996.



### Artists

- Akademie für Alte Musik Berlin  
Early music ensemble

### Composers

- Johann Sebastian Bach

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